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ARRIVAL: The ship carries its colossal cargo on the final leg of its journey

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Giant cranes arrive after three month sea voyage from China

THE first batch of the world's biggest robotic cranes arrived on London's doorstep on Friday.

The giant quay cranes - that are two-and-a-half times the height of Nelson's column - will be used to unload cargo from ships at the DP World London Gateway Port when it opens later this year.

But because there is no crane big enough to unload the 138 metre machines, engineers will use an ancient system of weights, pulleys, tracks and rollers - similar to that used by the ancient Egyptians to build the Great Pyramids - to slide the giant structures onto the dock.

"It will take us a whole week to unload them," said DP World spokesman Tom Conroy.

"You could say we are using the most ancient techniques to accommodate the most modern, robotic technology."

Weighing in at 2,000 tonnes, the machinery has spent its mammoth three month journey from China

standing upright on the Zhen Hua 26 ship.

Cargo on the ship was visible from both sides of the Estuary on its final approach to the port through the Thames mist, and it would be possible to roll the London Eye under one of the lifting arms. The three cranes will unload the world's biggest container ships - some of which are eight football pitches long.

Each robot will be operated by a single driver. Tim Halhead, London Gateway operations director, said: "The size of the cranes allows London Gateway to handle the next generation of ultra large container ships."

"These cranes are among the most advanced in the industry, assisting our operatives to deliver a

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The Annual Easter Egg Trail, which will be held throughout the Easter weekend, from March 29 to April 1, offers a great opportunity to explore the gardens. Children can hunt for clues with Henrietta the Hen and Bobby Bunny, before claiming a chocolate egg, and the whole family can enjoy the sounds of traditional brass bands.

Throughout the Easter holidays, from April 2 to 7, young visitors can make their own brass rubbings of a range of historical figures, from King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn, at a special drop-in workshop dedicated to this fun and educational medieval art form.

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Signs of new life can also be found at every turn on the hour long Hever Lake Walk, home to many species of birds and water fowl.

Children will love the Adventure Playground and Water Maze, while visitors of all ages can enjoy the challenge of the 100-year old Yew Maze - all before heading to the restaurant for some well-earned refreshments.

The gardens are open from 10.30am



and the castle from noon throughout the event and you can stay all day until 6pm (last admission 5pm).

For further information and tickets to both the castle and gardens, which cost £15 for adults, £12.75 for seniors, £8.50 for children or £38.50 for families of two adults and two children, or one adult and three children, call 01732 865224 or visit www.hevercastle.co.uk

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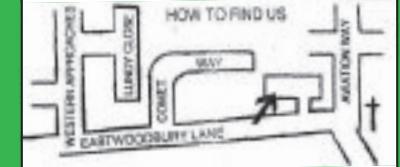
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Patsy can finally rest easy thanks to hospital support

By Paul Giles

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A WOMAN who has suffered from sleep apnoea for years is finally getting a good night's sleep after being given help from Southend Hospital.

Patsy Scott was living in New Zealand when she was referred to a neurologist for migraines after she passed out on a work trip.

She said it was only when one of her daughters mentioned Patsy's snoring problem doctors sent her for tests.

Tests revealed she was suffering from sleep apnoea, a condition where the throat closes completely during sleep so the sleeper stops breathing temporarily.

In Patsy's case this was happening to her hundreds times a night.

The 59-year-old, of Leitrim Avenue, Shoebury, said: "I knew I wasn't sleeping properly and would wake gasping for breath."

"It had gone on for years but I did not realise how dangerous it was."

Patsy, who runs a mobile car valet service with her second husband, admitted her ex-husband had to sleep in a different room.

Although she was issued with a CPAP machine in New Zealand, it was cumbersome and difficult to use. When she returned to the UK last year, her care was transferred to Southend Hospital.

She said: "I used the machine in New Zealand for a while but found it hard and uncomfortable."

"I had no support at all, unlike at

GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP: Patsy Scott



Southend where they are absolutely brilliant."

"I have far more energy now and feel like a new woman."

The machine is a mask which goes

over the nose to splint the airways.

It is attached to a small pump which blows out cool air so the patient breathes against the resistance.

Lead respiratory nurse, Lisa Ward,

said there are 30 new patients a month at Southend Hospital.

Lisa said: "People stop snoring, sleep really well, their memory improves and their vigour returns."

Airport in second phase of extension work

WORK on the extension at Southend Airport is due to be completed in June this year.

The extension is enabling 300 new, local jobs from the increase in flights from the airport.

Stage one of the airport was completed last year, the second stage will become 90 metres longer than

the current structure.

The second extension will open in phases over this year with an enlarged baggage area.

There will also be an increase in the amount of check-in desks, security areas and the departure lounge.

London Southend Airport managing director, Alastair Welch, said he

wanted to make sure that the airport continued to deliver a very special level of customer service for passengers in Southend.

He said: "This extension ensures that we will continue to deliver those high standards as the airport grows."

"The extension is taking shape

and the work is on track to hit our target of an extended arrivals area by the time the fourth easyJet aircraft arrives in June to make its new home in Southend and flights to Berlin, Krakow and Newquay get underway."

The final stages of the project will be completed by Christmas 2013.

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Music milestone

THE Preview music club will be celebrating its 28th anniversary this month.

The free music club, run at the Royal National Association, in East Street, Southend, will be holding a celebration on Friday night.

It will feature singer Simon Routh, who will play a selection of country and blues songs.

He will be joined by ten other acts between 8.30pm and midnight.

iPads donation

FIRST Group Buses have bought two iPads for staff working on the Essex Air ambulance.

Aderyn Gillet, special projects co-ordinator for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust, said: "The Doctor and Paramedic teams are required to undertake an extensive range of weekly audits and the use of iPads will dramatically change the way in which they work."

Safe and secure

THREE train stations have been given the 'Secure Station' status under a scheme being run by the British Transport Police and Department for Transport.

Each station has to prove they supply good CCTV coverage, crime prevention initiatives in place and give feedback from customers that use the station.

C2C revenue and security manager, Iain Palmer, said crime levels on c2c are falling.

He said: "From CCTV to extra security guards on our trains, c2c is determined to provide a safe railway for passengers – and the feedback we get from users show they recognise these improvements."

Charity splash

HAVENS Hospice will be holding a charity swimming event on Saturday.

Swimmers will face the cold of the estuary swimming from Southchurch beach in front of Ocean Beach Restaurant.

People taking part can choose from a 25m, 50m or 100m swim starting at 9am.

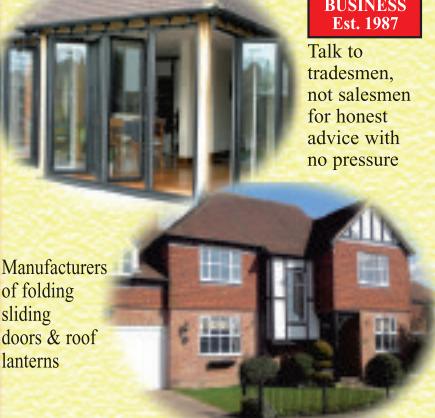
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Petition to replace CCTV cars with traffic wardens

By Paul Giles

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MORE than 2,300 people have signed a petition asking for Southend Council's two CCTV cars to be replaced by traffic wardens.

The petition presented to full council has been set up by Bob Wells, of Printer and Cartridge Solutions, in Woodgrange Drive, and comes after the cars came into

force 18 months ago.

Mr Wells, said the cars are causing chaos and disruption to many residents and businesses of the town.

He said: "It photographs and drives in and has no interest in whether there is a valid reason for what it is photographing."

"It is contributing to a breakdown of the local community by the indiscriminate issuing of tickets - in many cases unfairly."

Traffic wardens interpret and apply common sense and discretion like breakdowns, flat tyres, invalids being dropped off by a taxi and numerous other similar incidents.

"The camera cars prey on parades of small businesses and shops."

"They are making it difficult for people to go about their daily business and are making Southend a worse place to live."

The petition, signed by 2,395

people, is calling for a full review of the use of CCTV cars.

Mr Wells explained that he believed the vehicles were operating illegally and could be replaced by ten traffic wardens.

The two Toyota spy cars, are armed with rotating CCTV cameras and patrol the borough looking for drivers parked illegally.

Southend Council had failed to comment by the time the *YA* went to press on Tuesday.

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Airshow axed

SOUTHEND Airshow has been axed by Southend Council for this year as a measure to save £10.5million.

The cancellation of the airshow will save the authority £130,000.

At the meeting last Thursday night members of the council agreed to put up council tax by 1.75 per cent around 38 pence a week for people in band D properties.

The council will also attempt to save £3.838 million in cost cutting spending themes including transport, highways, IT systems and social care.

Council leader Nigel Holdcroft said: "We no longer have any leeway and we will have to make real cuts to services in order to balance our books - and that involves making some very hard choices."

Charity donation

THE ROYALS Shopping Centre has presented a cheque worth £3,786 to Southend Mind's Jubilee Centre Appeal.

Southend Mind chairman Kay Ward said: "We are so grateful to the Royals team and to all their customers for their generosity."

Sample ales and ciders in networking event

NETWORKING on Sea will be holding its second Ale & Cider Tasting Event, at Park View, Chalkwell Park, on Wednesday, March 13.

Entry to the event is £10 and the fee gets you food, samples of eight different ales and ciders, plus business networking.

The event will start at 5.30pm and to book tickets visit www.networking-on-sea.co.uk

Disabilities service group to disco down



FUN: Tony Thorne, from Combined Disability Services, with 1st Bowl Southend manager, Scott Nicholson-Meek, who will be launching the weekly disco evening

Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Peterson

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PEOPLE with disabilities have got the chance to go clubbing in Southend from next week.

The weekly disco evening is being launched by Combined Disability Services (CDS) in partnership with 1st Bowl Southend on The Kursaal, in Eastern Esplanade, starting from Monday, March 11.

The new event will give people with any physical or learning disability the opportunity to socialise in a nightclub style atmosphere but in a safe and secure venue equipped with full disabled access.

General manager, Scott Nicholson-Meek, said: "We're delighted to team up with CDS to launch this unique regular event for people with disabilities in and around Southend. We already offer discounts for customers

with disabilities so we thought the disco was a great idea.

"There's a large disabled community out there and the disco is a great way for people with similar needs to get together."

The demand for the disco in Southend first came to light after the *Yellow Advertiser* reported back in January that a weekly music night organised by CDS in Canvey had been saved from closure.

Tony Thorne, from CDS, explained: "After the article was published we received a lot of calls from people asking us if it was possible for us to hold a disco in Southend."

"A number of people told us that getting to our new music night was difficult and that the time and distance were an issue."

If you would like more information about CDS and its disco nights please call Tony on 01268 475123 or 07901 383273 or send an e-mail to tony.thorne@rocketmail.com

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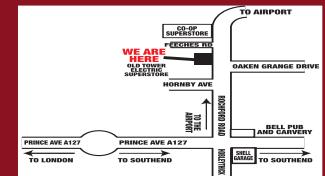
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EXCLUSIVE

Farewell to Phil

FORMER *Yellow Advertiser* editor Phil Higgins has died after a brave battle with cancer.

He was an accomplished all round journalist working as photographer, reporter and sub editor, at various times in his career.

He started his career as an assistant in the dark room at the Birmingham Evening Mail and soon progressed to photographer with the newspaper.

Phil, who was 81, joined the Daily Mirror in Manchester as a photographer in the early 1950s and returned to the Midlands a few years later as a stringer and then staff member at the newly formed ATV.

His role at ATV was phased out after new ways of TV news gathering emerged and he returned to print journalism. He worked on newspapers in several parts on the country, including the Evening Sentinel in Stoke on Trent and The East Anglian Daily Times in Ipswich.

Phil spent two spells as a press officer in local government in the London Borough of Islington and heading the unit at Thurrock Council.

When he took early retirement from Thurrock he joined the *Yellow Advertiser* as a reporter and eventually became group editor. He later spent several years on the paper's subs desk in Basildon and was well known and loved by many of us still here.

Phil, who lived in Grays with his family, was a keen member of the TA Parachute Regiment while he was in Birmingham, with more than 100 parachute jumps to his credit.

He was a keen sportsman and a faithful Aston Villa fan!

He held two masters Degrees – Master of Arts in Government and Politics from the City of London Polytechnic and a Master of Philosophy from Goldsmiths College, London.

He died in Basildon Hospital on Saturday,



OUR PHIL: Phil Higgins

February 23, leaving his wife, Pat Jones, a journalist at the *Yellow Advertiser*, one son, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Sadly his elder son Frank died suddenly on Monday, February 25. He also lived in Grays and held a BSc in engineering science from Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh.

He spent most of his working life in the Merchant Navy as an ETO (electronics technical officer) mainly on dive support ships for the oil industry. He was employed in the Gulf of Mexico to help with the massive clear up operation, which followed the BP oil spill in 2010.

Frank leaves a 14-year-old son.

The joint funeral will take place at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church at a date to be arranged.

Details will be available from Grays Catholic Club and the Bricklayer's Arms pub.

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Giant cranes

From front page
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The cranes are semi-automated, and are also connected directly to the Terminal Operating System, which tracks the containers and sends work orders to the crane operator.

The port will start operations later this year with five quay cranes, and two rail mounted gantry cranes.

London Gateway is the new 3.5 million container port which aims to cut delivery costs for hauliers while also re-establishing London as one of the world's leading ports.

Drewry, the independent maritime consultancy, has indicated that shippers will be able to reduce round-trip transport costs by £59 per container to the Midlands and the North-West and £189 per container for London and the SouthEast, representing about 90 per cent of the UK deep-sea market.

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Walk in memory of a loved one for charity

By Paul Peterson

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FAMILIES are being challenged to join a charity walk in memory of their loved ones.

They are invited to join the Havens to Havens Walk, which sets off from Fair Havens Hospice in Westcliff to Little Havens Hospice in Thundersley on Sunday, April 7.

People from across the county are taking part and will be dedicating messages to loved ones who have died on a special wall of memories before setting off on the five-mile walk.

They include Clare Bricknell, from Shoebury, who will be taking part with her husband Phil and her brothers Mick and Phil Scotton in memory of mum Val and their dad Alan.

The family, who lost Alan to lung cancer aged 65 in 1996, first contacted Fair Havens after Val was diagnosed with mouth cancer and given just a few months to live in 2010.

A team of specialist nurses came in to provide end-of-life care for Val in her own home.

Clare said: "The nurses were absolute angels, tak-



REMEMBER: Clare Bricknell who is to walk in the Havens to Havens event in memory of her Mum and Dad

Picture by Mark Cleveland

ing the time to give us breaks during the day and sitting with mum during the night so we could sleep.

"When the time came, the nurse called us all together and gave us the opportunity to say goodbye. We sat with mum all night and in the morning she



Runner completes 2,000 miles in 20 weeks

A RUNNER has notched up a staggering 2,000 miles to raise cash for Havens Hospices.

Ian Ramsay (pictured), 47, from Lymington Avenue, in Leigh, reached his gruelling target running 14 miles to and from work every day and 20 miles every weekend since September 2012.

He said: "I've run through bitter cold mornings, torrential rain and all the January snow; but I felt such a buzz each day knowing I was getting closer and

closer to my target. The last mile was in the sunshine. It was a great feeling and I ran home with a huge smile on my face."

Ian suffered a number of injuries including a painful heel problem from the challenge, but he will not be stopping yet and is now gearing up for this year's London Marathon in April.

Ian has managed to raise more than £600 for Little Havens and Fair Havens Hospices, but is hoping people will help him even more and sponsor him to run the

London Marathon.

Judy Grocott, from Havens Hospices, said: "We knew Ian could do it! We're over the moon for him completing 2,000 miles. Our hospices only exist because of the support and generosity of people like Ian, so every mile he and our marathon runners run are truly making every day count for the seriously ill patients, children and families we care for."

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SKIPP stripped

A GROUP of protesters were forced to sit through a council meeting half naked last week.

Security at Southend Council forced them to take off T-shirts with 'Scrap the Cabinet' slogans on them.

Mark Sharp and Patsy Link, who are members of campaign group Saxon King in Priory Park (SKIPP), were made to strip down to the waist.

The slogan is being used as the members of the group find the current cabinet system at Southend undemocratic and want to see a committee based council formed.

Mark, who only had the T-shirt to wear was left baring his chest for the rest of the meeting and wore a gag as members of the public were not allowed to ask questions at the meeting deciding the budgets.

Patsy had to use her coat to cover herself after security asked the pair to remove the T-shirts.

She said: "It was really humiliating, we wanted to draw attention to the fact we think the current system is not working.

"Everyone in the meeting was looking at me and Mark so really the council just drew even more attention to what we were trying to get across."

Mr Sharp was asked to leave the meeting as a member of the public complained about his partial nudity.

Southend council's facilities manager, Gary Cullen, explained for safety reasons, 18 months ago, the authority introduced a system to prohibit people from bringing banners, placards and leaflets into the Civic Centre, after incidents where leaflets were thrown from the public gallery into the Council Chamber.

He said: "Two people wearing T-shirts with derogatory slogans on them, exposed these T-shirts and tried to disrupt these meetings.

"As a result, we advised them that they would not be allowed into the public gallery wearing their slogan T-shirts, so they were given a choice of either removing them, covering up the slogans in some way, or not gaining access to the meeting.

"They chose the former."



GAGGED: Sheena Walker, Mark Sharp and Patsy Link from SKIPP
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Councillor calls for investigation into incident

A COUNCILLOR has called for an investigation to be launched into the removal of a protester at a council meeting last week.

Mark Sharp was removed from the council chamber after security made him take off a T-shirt with the slogan 'Scrap the Cabinet' on it.

Now Councillor Mark Flewitt, of St Laurence ward, which is home to part of the park, has e-mailed the chief executive to launch the investigation.

In a letter to members of the Saxon King in Priory Park (SKIPP) Cllr Flewitt confirmed he had e-mailed

Rob Tinlin, the authority's chief executive.

In the letter he also apologises to the group saying: "I offer a personal apology for the extraordinary events which saw your in-offensive clothing removed. 'Scrap the Cabinet' is a legitimate point of view and we have

discussed issues, while I was a member, without any antagonism at all and more lately worked together on a couple of local matters.

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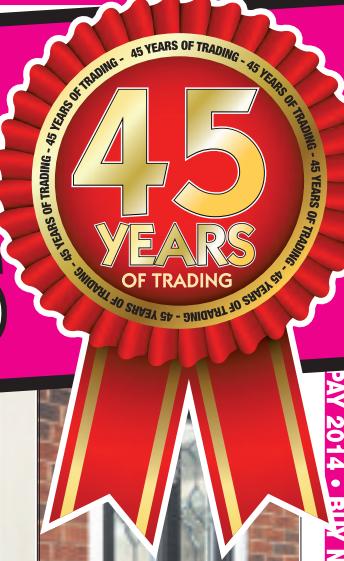
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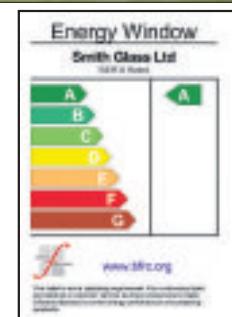


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However bosses at the theatres have also decided to distribute the brochure digitally.

Marketing manager Paul Driscoll said many people nowadays are trying to reduce not only their impact on the environment but also the amount of paper-based clutter that collects around the home.

He said: "Patrons opting for this new format will be able



BROCHURE: James Wareham and Emma White with the new brochures

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booking feature that it offers."

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CHARITY RIDE: Brad Moss, from the YMCA, who is organising a 100 mile relay race to raise money for the charity

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Call for charity cycle challenge riders

SOUTHEND YMCA is looking for people to take part in a charity cycling challenge.

Brad Moss, community gains fundraiser and developer, said he was looking for teams of up to five people to take part in the 100 mile relay race.

The team that comes first will win a prize and each team that registers will get discount vouchers to spend at Cycles UK.

Mr Moss said: "This should be a really good event. In the future we are thinking of doing sponsored rowing or sponsored running to raise funds for the charity."

The event will be held at La Fitness, Shoebury Road, Southend, from 10am, on Saturday, March 30.

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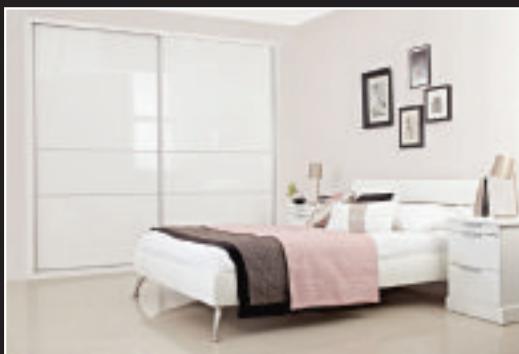
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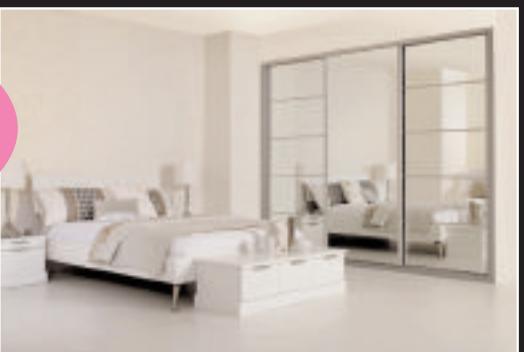
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Views needed on area action plan for airport

By Paul Peterson

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RESIDENTS and businesses have a chance to help shape developments around Southend Airport.

They are being urged to take part in a public consultation on the Southend Airport & Environs Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP), which is being prepared by Southend Council and Rochford Council.

The JAAP includes policies for developing the airport and two new business parks along with environment enhancements and transport improvements over the next 15 years.

Jonathan Garston, executive councillor for planning at Southend Council, urged people to take part.

He said: "This is an excellent opportunity for people to give their opinions. The earlier JAAP created a great deal of interest so we hope residents will continue to share their views. The JAAP is vital to help us move forward to secure private investment and future employment for our town."

Councillor Keith Hudson, portfolio holder for planning and transport at Rochford Council, said that the JAAP would also be 'hugely important' planning document for residents in Rochford.

He said: "The regeneration of the airport has created massive employment opportunities and creating a hub of excellence around it could create up to 6,000 more jobs and apprenticeships.

"I would urge people in Rochford and Southend to come forward and give us their views."

The public consultation will run until Wednesday, April 10. If you would like to take part please log onto www.southend.gov.uk/jAAP or if you would like a hard copy please call 01702 215000.



'HUGELY IMPORTANT': Councillor Keith Hudson, portfolio holder for planning and transport at Rochford Council

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The meeting is being held on Wednesday, March 13, on floor two of the Gateway Building, University of Essex, Southend Campus, Elmer Approach, Southend.

The meeting starts at 1.15pm and will finish by 3pm.

Please contact the Trust secretary's office on freephone 0800 023 2059 or e-mail membership@sept.nhs.uk to confirm attendance, and advise any special requirements.

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Bike crash appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a motorcyclist was seriously injured in a road crash at Southend.

Officers were called by the ambulance service at 2pm on Saturday following the

incident at Eastern Avenue near Sutton Road.

It is believed that the rider was thrown from his bike after it struck the kerb.

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Estuary talk

By Paul Giles

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THE FUTURE of the Thames Estuary was discussed at an event held in Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea, last week.

The meeting last Thursday saw a variety of groups coming together to share one vision of the future of the Greater Thames area that includes the protection of local wildlife, economy and community wellbeing.

Guest speakers on the nature improvement areas (NIA) included the chief executive of the RSPB, Dr Mike Clarke, and Brentwood and Ongar MP, Eric Pickles.

The Government-backed scheme will see £571,875 funding pumped into the area over three years.

Over the next few years existing wildlife areas will be enhanced and new areas of habitats will be created.

Mr Pickles spoke on how the estuary was a special place to him and how lucky the people of Essex were to be so close to it.

He said: "We need to utilise our green spaces to help the economy."

"That's why we are here today to discuss the future of the Thames area.

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Dr Clarke said: "Since before the time when Charles Dickens conveyed the wildness of the North Kent marshes in Great Expectations, the Thames Gateway



SPEAKER: MP Eric Pickles who spoke at the event about the Greater Thames Marshes Nature Improvement Area

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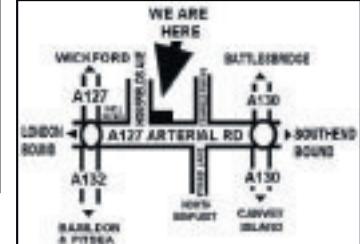
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Minister visit

THE Minister for trade and investment had a mini tour of businesses in Southend and Rayleigh last week.

Lord Stephen Green, was invited to the county last Tuesday, to see how businesses were exporting goods on a global scale, and met with members of Essex Chambers of Commerce.

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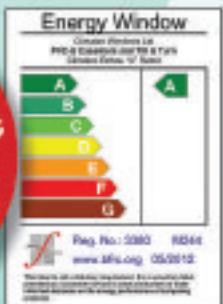
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Government has caused the problem

WE have just heard that there is going to be a zero tolerance policy put in place for hospitals, why isn't there a zero tolerance policy in place for the heads of Government regarding the creation of bad policies and stupid cutbacks that they put in place.

The NHS have ridiculous targets to meet mainly because of Government cutbacks and interference.

The nurses in our hospitals are working their socks off trying to meet these targets which are mostly impossible, all our hospitals are really understaffed and overstretched. We should be supporting these wonderful people who are doing a very important job that most of us would not qualify for.

Why is the Government crucifying these doctors and nurses, when they are the very people who have caused the problem in the first place.

I suggest that the pointless pair at Westminster stop sending millions of pounds abroad in aid, and funding wars we have no right to be involved in and spend these millions on our own country. This way we would free the NHS and other crucial services like the police and fire bringing the level of employ-

ees to a maximum not a minimum as we have at the present.

G A Katte
Leigh-on-Sea

We need to start asking questions

SOUTHEND Council made £22million on parking charges plus £3 million on fines over the last five years,

Now what the voters should ask first is how much of our money went towards paying off the council's £200 million borrowings? And how much went to the enforcers? Those who hurt businesses, and most people who need to get around in our clogged up roads, with ever growing yellow lines in the less leafy parts of our great town.

Perhaps ask how much council business rates have been increased in the past five years.

We must ask why they do not allow free parking on certain times. Unless they change policy you can say good bye to our old High Street.

Now would you believe it our council has been given even greater powers to get compulsory purchase where they can focus on other voters' property in the name of regeneration.

We have more to fear than more shared spaces in our town of sunny southend, unless we start asking some questions fast.

K White
Westcliff

Increasing tax is not an option

THE phoney war on cuts had begun late in the day and the opposition groups had only released their six budget amendments to the rest of the council the night before the budget meeting!

To complain that the Conservatives were not democratic was rich, when we had three "in public" scrutiny budget meetings and informal sessions where alternative plans could have been discussed and which I used to point out my resident concerns and my own. Instead the opposition never mentioned their alternatives but moaned like the rest of us without any solid alternatives.

The alternative plans included dipping into reserves and increasing further the council tax, both of which would simply have made the budget next year (for 2014/2015) like a straight jacket with those options just not feasible.

I do not doubt that we need a complete change to local

council tax and in fact the whole of local government finance needs simplifying. The area of reserves is proving particularly controversial and Pickles has scorned us (and many others) for not using them, but once spent we will not be able to replace for years, if at all.

Cllr Mark Flewitt

Thanks for a job very well done

CONGRATULATIONS Leisure Services (Lawn Rangers) on the much improved grass verges around the Somerset Estate area - neat edges and all excess cuttings etc. cleared away - wow.

We all moan but this deserves credit where credit is due. A job very well done - please continue the great work.

Sue Bloxham
Westcliff

Companies spoil local amenities

I HAVE just read the article on page 3 of your paper which refers to plans for a new cafe and shellfish shop in Old Leigh. My brief view is that this will totally change the old town to the extent that the water will not be seen at that point from the road as is now.

In addition, I wonder what will happen to all the cars that currently park on this site when visiting the Peter Boat and in addition where will the extra cars go for patrons of the new premises?

I would oppose any plan of this kind as it is once again the big companies spoiling out local amenities for their own gain.

Ray Andrews
via e-mail

Check what treatment is available

I WOULD like to comment on two recent articles in Yellow Advertiser.

Firstly, a couple of weeks ago you printed the sad story of the young mother with multiple cancerous tumours for whom supporters are trying to raise money to send her to America for Cyberknife treatment which is her last hope of a cure.

When I read this story I immediately telephoned the contact number and advised them that I have recently undergone Cyberknife treatment at London's Royal

Marsden Hospital where it has been available for the last few years. The reason for this comment is to inform others, who may be in a similar situation that they may like to investigate whether treatment available in America is also available in centres of excellence in this country rather than spend a fortune going to the USA. Use the internet to find out and do not just take the word of your local hospital. Cyberknife appears to be an excellent treatment for several different cancers with much lower risk of permanent side effects so is well worth tracking down to see whether you are suitable for it.

Secondly, I read the story last week of the BREAK-THROUGH SURGERY performed on an aortic aneurysm at Queen's Hospital in Romford. I am so glad that Queen's is slowly dragging themselves into the 21st Century, albeit 10 years too late.

In the year 2000 I was diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm that was then not large enough to cause concern. I was monitored for five years by a vascular surgeon at Queens who, in 2005, decided it required an operation to repair it before it burst (nearly always a fatal situation). Queen's could only repair the situation by a major abdominal operation that had a very long recovery period of up to six months and carried all sorts of risks of damage to other organs.

My daughter, a state registered nurse, went onto the internet and found that in the USA they had been repairing aneurysms for several years by means of a stent. Much less invasive, local anaesthetic and much less danger to other organs. A bit more research discovered a Vascular surgeon working at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, who had been to America to learn the technique. He performed the procedure on me a couple of weeks later in autumn 2005. I was in hospital for four days, fully fit after one month enjoying my keep fit routine of regular walking with Havering Walking for Health and exercise classes at the gym. That vascular surgeon tells me that he now repairs more than 90 per cent of aneurysms by this method.

The moral of this story, do not just accept what your local hospital tells you is the only treatment available.

Richard Barnes
Hornchurch

A few points I'd like to raise

IN reply to Terry Christmas regarding the parking near Tesco (A127), I would like to clear a couple of points.

Firstly the name of the bank is The Royal Bank of Scotland and not The Bank of Scotland - two completely different banks and secondly that RBS is only allowed to have a certain amount of parking spaces per number of staff. Why this is I do not know but it does make it very hard to find a space to park.

On another subject I cannot believe that the Council is stopping the Air Show! Even if the stall holders do not come from Southend they have to pay the council a large sum of money to rent the space for the duration of the Air Show and thousands of people come into the town and spend money.

Another point is the fact that the special cars are being banned. This also brings many people in to view them and as they cost so much to maintain they are careful with their cars. Why not make it once a month?

Both of these events bring much wanted customers to our seafront pubs which are dying on their feet.

Perhaps this is the council's idea and then they can demolish the whole of the seafront and build cinemas, hotels and blocks of flats?!

Gail Grindell
Southend

Can we take much from by election?

FOLLOWING the recent result in the Eastleigh by-election, one wonders whether the result is a true reflection on how things could look at the next General Election.

There is no doubt that UKIP put in a magnificent performance, seeing its share of the vote soar from 3.6 per cent in 2010 to 28 per cent in the by-election.

But how much can we take from one by-election, where we know turnout is much lower than that of a General Election and therefore protest votes are more recognisable?

There is no doubt that the voters protested against the Government with both the Conservative and Lib Dem share of the vote falling noticeably. But what about the Labour vote? In a way they are the biggest losers as they failed to make many gains on their share of the vote.

Of course one must take the results with a pinch of salt, but of the three main parties, Labour must be wondering the most why their share of the vote did not go up.

Needless to say, I think the results are a warning to the big three parties that the electorate is unhappy and that parties such as UKIP have a very real chance of taking some seats at the next election in 2015. Only time will tell.

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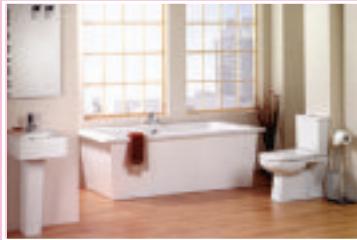
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While there is evidence at the site of the remains of Iron Age settlement which date from the first century BC, early records of its history go back to 1062 when the parkland had connections with Waltham Abbey, from which time it was used as a hunting ground for deer.

This marks the beginning of the landscape that we see today, one which was held by Waltham Abbey for nearly 500 years, right up until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1540, when King Henry VIII sold it to Sir Brian Tuke, treasurer of the Royal Household.

Tuke built a huge hall at the park - now the

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site of the park's Belvedere car park - which passed to Sir Richard Rich, along with the estate, in 1545. In later years the estate was sold to Anthony Browne, a lawyer from Abbess Roding who went on to found the now famous Brentwood School, and it remained in his family's ownership up until 1661. It was sold to Lord Chief Justice, Sir William Scroggs, to repay debts accumulated while fighting for the royalist cause during the Civil War, and then bought by Erasmus Smith, an alderman of the City of London, in 1683.

It was his successor, Hugh Smith, who made many improvements to the hall as well as the landscape that you see today including tree lined avenues, large parkland trees and its two lakes, which were created by damming a small tributary of Weald brook.

The estate went on to be owned by the Tower family but when their two heirs were killed during the First World War, ownership passed to an infant so the hall became vacant and was looked after by caretakers.

While proposals were put forward in 1935 to protect land around London as green belt, including Weald park, war broke out again and took its toll on Weald, and particularly its hall. It was acquisitioned for military training, the whole village was closed off as an assembly for the D-Day landings, and the estate's perimeter fence was broken which led to the escape of its deer.

A fire on the top floor of the mansion left the building in a dilapidated state and in later years its contents were sold at auction. The hall stood empty for some years until it was finally demolished in 1950.

Weald's parkland was eventually secured as green belt in 1952, marking the beginning of the landscape's next stage in history - one that will hopefully be protected for many years to come.

When you arrive at Weald Country Park make sure you call into the visitor's centre first - housed in a Grade II listed barn - to pick up



ANIMALS: Deers at Weald Country Park

trail guides and information on the park's history, all of which add to your visit as you explore the beautiful landscape. Just a stone's throw away is the Belvedere car park, where the estate's huge hall once stood, where you will find some brick steps that once led to the walled gardens and the base of the Belvedere, a tower that was built to admire the views down to the lake, and even became a Tower family museum at one time.

In the opposite direction, just down the sloping parkland is the deer enclosure, which is home to a herd of fallow deer that was reintroduced in 1987 as a reminder of the park's history as a Royal Hunting Estate.

You can pick up some feed for just 50p at the Visitor Centre and the deer are so friendly that any young members of the family would be absolutely delighted at the chance to feed them. Arm yourselves with a loaf of bread before you leave and you will also find many willing ducks to take the slices off your hands at the lake further down the hill.

There are endless woodlands to explore

including a wander along Chestnut Avenue through the forest, as well as Beech, Chestnut, Foxdown and Lantons Woods, and Tower and Quicks Plantations. All of the woodlands are managed for wildlife - including the great spotted woodpecker - timber and recreational use, and if you visit during the spring you will find a carpet of Bluebells, while if you take a walk in May you will discover many rhododendrons.

Enjoy wild flowers in the grasslands during summer, as well as picnics and games on the mown lawn, or make the most of the Ranger service which provides many special activities throughout the year.

Horse riders and cyclists are also welcome at the park, for who specific routes have been designed, so the park really does have something for everyone.

Whatever your reason for visiting, whether its to walk the dogs or take a stroll with the family, make sure you do one thing - stand at the top of the hill near the visitor centre and admire Weald's landscape, one that has been transformed over the centuries by amazing people.

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Monday, March 11

- Meeting, Epilepsy Support Group, George Hurd Centre, Basildon, friendly discussion, speakers and activities, 7.45-10pm, further details Carole 01268 270697.
- Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazzytett with Graham Hunter-Trumper/Chris English-keyboard, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.
- Meeting, Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, "Macro Bazaar" (Members), 8-10pm, 01702 589720.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
- Over 50's session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 12.30pm-2.30pm badminton, 2pm-4pm table tennis, £3.60, includes refreshments and use of equipment, details 01268 779100.
- Activity session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm, for adults with special needs (term time only), £1, no charge for carers, 01268 779100.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips, 01268 239395.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquires 01268 691922.
- Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no

charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.

- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8.9-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

Tuesday, March 12

- Social Tea Dance, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, sequence, ballroom and Latin, friendly group, 1.45pm, 07767 406194.
- Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610050/466827.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Frierays Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.
- Heelroom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon, 01268 465854.
- Chess, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
- Singles Social Group, meets The Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm, 07752 613021.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, Maureen 01268 692998.
- New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.
- Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.
- Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.
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Saturday, March 9

- Table Top Sale, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Rochford, 1-4pm, admission 20p, refreshments available, car park free.
- Meeting, South and East Essex Branch Embroiderers' Guild, Lounge on ground floor Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, Lynn Lynne will be leading a workshop titled 'Out of the Comfort Zone', 1.45-4.30pm, members free, visitors £5, includes tea/coffee.
- Concert, The Salvation Army Temple, Hadleigh, "Southend Symphony Orchestra", tickets £9, concessions £8, under 12s £1, available at door 01268 755005.
- At the Fold - Ragtime, Jazz and Silent Movie Show, The Fold, 72 Lainden Road, Billericay, 7.30pm, tickets £11 available from The Fold. 01277 659286.
- Social Ballroom Dance, Runnymede Hall, A13, Kiln Road, Benfleet, 07748 707122.
- Social Ballroom and Latin Dance, Main Hall, Wickford Community Association, Market Road, Wickford, 8.11pm (doors open 7.45pm), £6, over 18s, enquiries Jeanne or Alan 01268 565039.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures, 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome, 01777 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm, 01702 465801.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, 01268 658799.

Sunday, March 10

- Meeting, Self-help Group for Stammerers, group meets second Sunday of every month in the Basildon area, Richard 01268 454081 or 07964 356042.
- Trading Hut Open, The Hockley and District Horticultural Society, every Sunday 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3.
- Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.
- American Football, Essex Spartans, junior players wanted aged 14-19, training Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, Sundays noon-2pm, further details contact Coach, Alan 07794 210194.
- Men's Futsal Football Sessions, Markhams Chase, Basildon, Sundays 8-10pm, all abilities welcome, 4, further details Paul 07882 456558.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you know it, 01268 750520.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips, 01268 239395.
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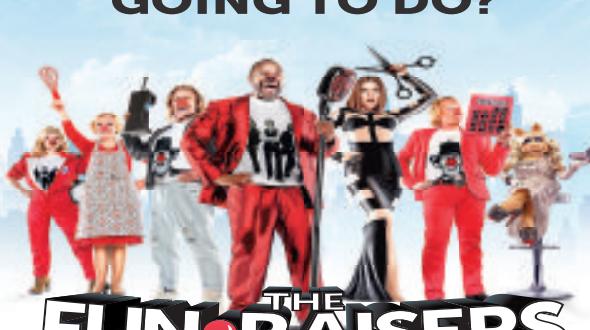
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 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617.
 ■ Depression Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.
 ■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, March 13

■ Meeting, The Haywainers Reading Group, The White Horse Public House, Ramsden, 7.30pm, friendly group, we meet for a meal and chat, new members welcome. 07807 625864.
 ■ Meeting, Jazz Circle, The Ekco Clubhouse, Thorndon Gardens, off Manners Way, 'Gospel plus Jazz', 8pm.
 ■ Meeting, Breath Easy, support group for anyone affected by lung disease, Church Hall, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 61 London Road, Wickford, second Wednesday every month, 2-4pm, information, advice and occasional guest speakers. 01268 524023/769843.
 ■ Meeting, Essex Handicrafts Association, St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh, Speaker: 'Flowers for Easter' 7.30pm, visitors welcome. 01702 479862.
 ■ Meeting, Mount Rayleigh WI, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 7.30-10pm, second Wednesday every month, newcomers welcome.
 ■ Meeting, Wickford Townswomen's Guild, Christ Church, 1.30pm-3.30pm, second Wednesday every month, visitors welcome, entry 2, details Mrs Bell 01268 762447.
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■ Barn Dance, Grand Cellid Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, 8.30pm, live music from Jig & a Half. 01702 553622.
 ■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.
 ■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-noon, learn to paint and draw with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.
 ■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2.40-3.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18s. 01268 752473.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.
 ■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).
 ■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm, The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, further details Sue 07917 573653.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, small friendly

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■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

Thursday, March 14

■ Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1-3pm, with artist Paul Alcock, beginners and experienced students welcome. 01702 615475.

■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, further details 01702 318121.

■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz with Mike Warner (guitar), Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, The Chase, Rayleigh, 7.30pm, 01268 742149.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

Friday, March 15

■ At the Fold, 'The Great War in the Air' Ken Wisdom talking on the men and machines on The Western Front, 8pm, tickets £5 including refreshments, available from The Fold, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay. 01277 659286.

■ The Friends of Hadleigh are holding a concert by Tony Compton called 'Almost a Musician', St James the Less Church, High Street, Hadleigh, 7.30pm, tickets £9 on

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■ Scottish Country Dancing, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff, 7.30pm, free for first 2 evenings.

■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership, every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Diana 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session. Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 293794.

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■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.

■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm onwards, all ages and abilities welcome, details Derek Stockings 01268 772923.

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canveysoul.

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A SPECIAL Mother's Day Extravaganza is being held at popular La Romantica – one of the oldest Italian restaurants in Essex.

The restaurant, situated in the heart of Rayleigh, will be open all day from noon on Sunday, March 10, making it the ideal venue for those who want to celebrate with a special Mother's Day three-course lunch and coffee.

For those who want to take their seat later, and treat their mum to even more, La Romantica is putting on an early Evening Extravaganza from 6pm, when you can enjoy a special three-course meal with the family as well as live entertainment from a duet.

The day looks set to popular alongside another event – a special evening with fantastic singer, Darryll King, on Friday, March 15, which also includes a special three-course meal.

Anyone interested in booking a table for the evening, or for Mother's Day, is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

La Romantica has built up an enviable reputation since opening its doors 43 years, not only because of its authentic cuisine, charming service and fantastic entertainment, but because of the wonderful partnership of Antonio Dinallo and his son Marco.

Sadly, Antonio passed away a few weeks ago and while the family is coming to terms with their loss they are now even more determined to continue La Romantica's success in memory of Antonio who put both his heart and his Italian background into the restaurant.

Marco, who has worked alongside his dad at the restaurant for 35 years, since the age of just eight, said: "My dad wanted to put smiles on everyone's faces and that is exactly what I will



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"His wish was for everyone, both old and new customers, to continue to support the restaurant so, while this is a difficult time for us, we would love you all to continue to join us, enjoy our food and share your memories."

La Romantica boasts an extensive a la carte menu of authentic Italian cuisine, including fresh fish and meat bought specially from London's Billingsgate and Smithfield markets.

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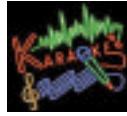
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The restaurant will also soon be announcing a packed programme of events and entertainment throughout the year, including Cabaret Nights and Tribute Acts, so check out its website shortly.

La Romantica, at 9 High Street, Rayleigh, is open from 6pm till late every day except Monday. It can comfortably cater for up to 65 diners and welcomes disabled people, vegetarians, parties and small weddings.

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Its owner, Samsu Miah, has been in the trade for 40 years and while he has seen success in previous restaurants in the area, the Hasina is undoubtedly his flagship restaurant.

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On the other hand, little things really mean a lot. So, I suggest you start by taking a step back and try to look at your home as objectively as possible, and make a list of any little things you notice that need sorting out.

As far as the outside, a lick of fresh paint works wonders – particularly as far as the front door is concerned. Gardens should look neat, tidy and well-kept.

Inside, the cleaner and fresher the décor, the better. Generally speaking, all rooms should be clean and tidy. Remember, the less clutter, the more spacious a room will appear. If you've got children, then try offering them a small bribe to keep their own rooms reasonably neat, and always pay special attention to kitchen and bathroom areas, to ensure that they are kept sparkling clean and fresh-smelling.

A word of warning. Don't be tempted to use cupboards or fitted wardrobes as a convenient dumping ground. Keeping them neat and tidy will make them look bigger. Besides, prospective buyers won't take kindly to being submerged in an avalanche of clothes or saucepans when they open a cupboard door!

In the case of pets, take particular care to clean up their sleeping areas, and make sure you eliminate any strong smells. Finally, just to be on the safe side, remove all small valuable items from sight before any viewings.

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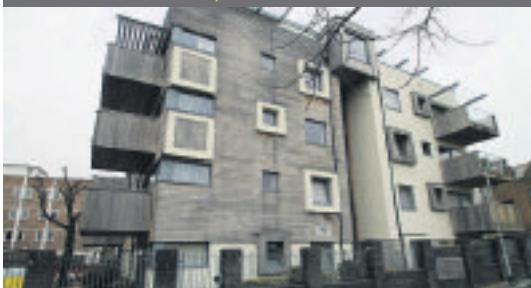


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Attractive cottage situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area. The property offers contemporary living and benefits from own private gardens as well as offering early vacant possession. We strongly advise all interested applicants to arrange an early internal viewing to appreciate the uniqueness this property has to offer.

Westcliff On Sea £174,995

Situated within a central residential Westcliff location is this mid terrace family house benefitting from full double glazing/ gas central heating and offering no onward chain. To the ground floor there is a lounge with an open plan kitchen/diner. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and stairs to a loft room with Velux window.

Witham £525 pcm

Self contained first floor flat above a shop, accommodation comprising spacious lounge/ diner, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom/wc with panelled bath, pedestal wash hand basin, close coupled wc, gas central heating and double glazing.

Southend On Sea £475 pcm

Self contained first floor flat above a shop, accommodation comprising large lounge, kitchen/ diner with integrated oven and grill with four ring gas hob and extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, double bedroom, bathroom/wc with panelled bath with electric shower over, wash hand basin and close coupled wc, full double glazing and gas central heating, newly carpeted throughout.

Southend On Sea £625 pcm

Large first floor flat which has been fully refurbished and is situated close to Southend town centre. There is a large lounge and two double bedrooms and a newly fitted kitchen with four ring hob and oven under, there is also a new modern bathroom/wc and the property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing throughout as well as brand new flooring.

Westcliff On Sea £640 pcm

First floor apartment situated within a central location of Westcliff, South of the London Road just off of Hamlet Court Road. Lounge with open plan kitchen area, integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under and extractor fan,two bedrooms, one double and one single, bathroom/wc with white suite and chrome fittings with shower attachment over the bath, full double glazing and gas central heating, fully self contained.

Shoeburyness £1,250 pcm

Detached family house situated within a sought after location of Shoeburyness benefitting from garage & off street parking for two vehicles. Spacious lounge/diner, new fitted kitchen, separate utility area. Ground floor wc, four bedrooms with the master bedroom benefitting from a brand new en-suite shower room/wc. Spacious luxury bathroom/wc with separate double shower cubicle, good size rear garden, gas central heating & full double glazing throughout.

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Galleydene, Hadleigh £334,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

4 bedroom detached home set in a quiet cul-de-sac in a sought after area of Hadleigh. The property benefits from being within The King John School catchment and is a stones throw from Hadleigh Country Park as well as being well placed for local shops and amenities.



NEW PRICE
HAZEL CLOSE, HADLEIGH
£254,995

A two double bedroom bungalow within a sought after and quiet residential area of Hadleigh. The property has been fully refurbished within the last year by the current vendor. Subject to planning and consent the property has great potential to add dormers to the roof and/or extend to the rear or add a conservatory to provide even larger living accommodation.



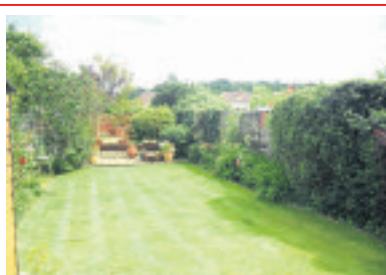
DAWS HEATH ROAD, DAWS HEATH £264,995

We are delighted to offer this 3 bedroom detached chalet style home occupying a corner plot within the desirable Daws Heath area. The property is ideally located for schools for all ages, local amenities, parks, woodland and local transport links. The home benefits from a large lounge/diner, downstairs cloakroom, 3 good size bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom and double garage/workshop.



CORNWORTHY, SHOEBURYNESS £224,995 OIRO

A well presented and attractive 3 bedroom mid terraced Georgian style home within a popular and sought after area of Shoeburyness. The property benefits from being a short walk to Thorpe Bay Station, local shops, schools for all ages and the seafront. A DECEPTIVELY LARGE PROPERTY WHICH MUST BE VIEWED!



KENTS HILL ROAD, BENFLEET £220,000 OIRO

Semi detached 4 bedroom home within walking distance of Schools for all ages (KING JOHN CATCHMENT) and close proximity to TRANSPORT LINKS and local amenities. The property benefits from 4 good size bedrooms, LARGE KITCHEN, lounge diner, off street parking and an (approx) 70' garden.

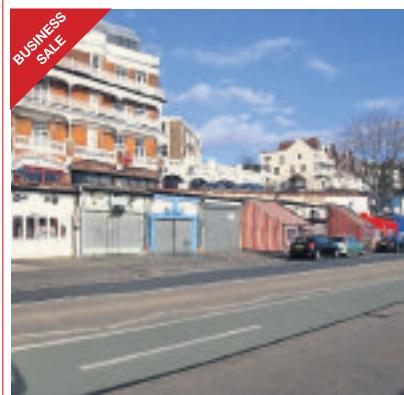


HILLWOOD GROVE, WICKFORD £875.00 PCM

A well presented, 3 bedroom family home within easy reach of Wickford High Street and Wickford train station. The property comprises of a spacious lounge diner with French doors leading out into the garden, a fitted kitchen, cloakroom, 2 good size double bedrooms, 1 fair size single room and a modern 3 piece bathroom. Outside there is an un-overlooked, part paved part laid lawn rear garden with a shed and to the front of the property is a large paved driveway with parking for up to 4 cars.



NEW PRICE - LICENSED SPORTS BAR AND LOUNGE - CHELMSFORD. An established licensed bar and catering establishment that has been run under the current ownership since 2009. The premises are licensed for 270 patrons and are permitted to trade until 3 am 7 days a week. The business trades as a licensed sports bar offering live Sky sports with 11 screens and provides weekly weekend music with a DJ area and dance floor, trading lunch times for food. Takings circa £16,000 p/w @ 62% gp. 85% wet sales, 15% food sales. Secure lease. Price £225,000 Ref. C4521E



NEW PRICE - SEAFRONT CAFE/ RESTAURANT (42) - WESTCLIFF ON SEA. Situated in the well established Palmeira Arches, which is the most sought after seafront trading location along the seafront, which does outlook picturesque sea views. The business has been in the present hands for over 44 years and is genuinely being sold due to retirement. Financial information will be supplied following an inspection of the business. New 10 year council lease at £12,000 pax. Viewing strongly advised. **Price £180,000 Ref. C4565E**

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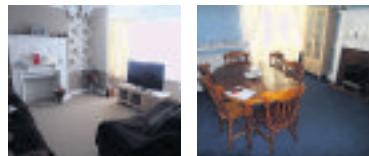


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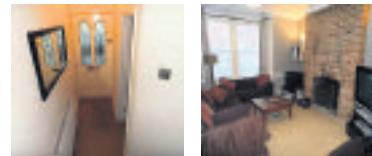
SOUTHEND ON SEA £226,995

- Close to the seafront is this Ground floor Shower room Four bedroom semi detached house with off street parking the property offers Two receptions, Fitted Kitchen, Utility room and



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £174,995

- VACANT Three bedroom mid terraced house with Lounge to front, Kitchen/diner and a loft room. The property has good access to all local amenities, schools
- and Southend University Hospital and the property has double glazing and gas central heating and KEYS available for VIEWINGS.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £179,950

- TWO bedroom Detached house the property offers and en-suite shower room with family bathroom, 24' Lounge/diner, Kitchen/breakfast room, Cloakroom and is located within easy access of Southend town centre and Prittlewell train station. The property is being sold by a house builder in part exchange and must be sold.



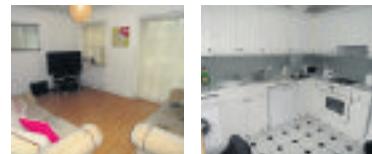
WESTCLIFF ON SEA £249,950

- Located close to Southend Hospital and in the Earls Hall School catchment are this 2 bedroom, 2 reception detached bungalow the property offers a good size rear garden, Fitted kitchen, no onward chain and garage with driveway.



THE GARRISON £324,995

- Located within the ever popular historical Shobury Garrison is this spacious Four bedroom semi detached family house with garage and parking spread over three floors. The property is within a short walk to the Shoebury East Beach, Shoebury train station and has the benefit of Shoebury Hinguar School on Shoebury Garrison.



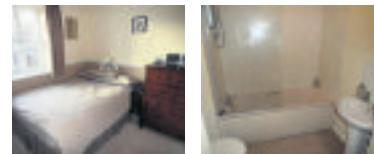
GREAT WAKERING £219,950

- Three bedroom detached house situated in the heart of Great Wakering Village, maintained to a high standard by the owners benefits from a Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory to rear and driveway leading to an attached garage. The property is being sold by a house builder in part exchange and must be sold.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £379,950

- Standing in this quiet news location with gated access close to Southend hospital is this very spacious 4 bedroom Detached Chalet style residence that is being offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property is located within easy access of Southend with its excellent local facilities.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £124,995

- Located within easy access of Southend town centre for shops and amenities Norton Properties offer this Two bedroom purpose built First Floor Flat. The property offers security entry system, Lounge/diner 15'4 x 12'6, Bathroom and a Fitted Kitchen and Parking to rear.

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Rochford

£184,995



A three bedroom semi detached house located in a convenient position close to Rochford mainline railway station, local shops and bus routes. The property benefits from two reception rooms, garage and off road parking, gas central heating and is offered with no onward chain.

Leigh On Sea

£189,995



A three bedroom semi detached house located in a cul de sac, the property requires modernisation but benefits from upvc double glazing, double glazed conservatory, garage and off road parking, ground floor cloakroom and is offered with no onward chain. viewing essential.

Rochford

£204,995



A well maintained two bedroom detached bungalow having the advantage of gas central heating and being mainly double glazed. Located on a corner position close to local shops and amenities and offered with no onward chain.

Hawkwell

£214,995



two bedroom two reception room chalet bungalow benefiting from an approximately 140ft rear garden. the property benefits from a lean to / utility room 17'5 x 13'2 maximum. T sympathetically improved by the present owners with the benefit of strip wood flooring, modern fitted kitchen and has recently been re-wired and has a new central heating system installed.

Rochford

£850 pcm or £199,995



FOR SALE OR TO LET. A redecorated two bedroom semi detached bungalow located in a convenient location, close to local shops and bus routes. Upvc double glazed conservatory, gas central heating, fitted kitchen south facing rear garden and off road parking leading to garage. Employed Applicants only, No Pets. No Smokers.

Rochford

£169,995



Open house this Saturday 9th March 2013 between 10.00 am and 11.00 am 39 Doggetts Close, Rochford, essex, SS4 1ED- JUST TURN UP AND VIEW. A super two bedroom house benefiting from an approximately 100 ft unoverlooked rear garden, modern shower room and modern fitted kitchen block paving providing off road parking, Upvc double glazing and no onward chain.

Rochford

£725 pcm



A 2 bed apartment set close to Rochford square and mainline station. benefits from a en suite to master bedroom, bathroom, modern kitchen with integrated appliances, allocated parking.

Hockley

£995 pcm



This three bedroom, two reception room detached bungalow has the advantage of a 21' Lounge, a double glazed conservatory and an approximately 70' rear garden. Further benefits include an attached garage and parking for several vehicles. The property is available immediately.

Rochford

£550 pcm



A one bedroom ground floor retirement flat. communal parking and gardens, a warden, communal lounge, guest suite and laundry room. viewing advised. Available Now.

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Rayleigh

Hockley



THE QUIET LIFE. Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this superb three bedroom DETACHED bungalow set on a one acre plot in this rural country lane on the borders of Hockley & Hullbridge surrounded by fields and the golf course. Offering an outside swimming pool & a one bedroom annex. ER60

Rayleigh

£250,000



Connells are delighted to offer this newly refurbished three bedroom detached house, within easy access to all amenities and good travel connections. Property benefits new kitchen, bathroom and new carpets throughout. Blocked paved frontage offering ample off street parking. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC F.

Hockley

£450,000



Connells are delighted to offer for sale this detached executive style family home with four bedrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen with separate utility room. There are en-suites to three bedrooms and a family bathroom. There is a double length garage and ample off street parking. Energy Rating D

Hockley

£425,000



Connells are instructed to offer for sale this previously five now four bedroom detached residence located within the popular village of Hullbridge close to the River Crouch. DO NOT MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!!

Hockley



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this completely refurbished semi detached bungalow, set on this popular road in Hockley// Hawkwell. Property benefits from three bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen, new bathroom, new carpets and a detached garage and ample off street parking. Energy Rating TBC

£625,000

Rayleigh



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom semi detached bungalow. Property falls within the FitzWimarc School catchment, and is close to High Street and railway station. Property benefits from off street parking for two cars, conservatory, 55ft rear garden. Energy rating E

£191,995

Benfleet

£149,995



SPACIOUS FLAT - Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this large two bed first floor conversion situated in a sought after location with great access to the A13 and close to local amenities. DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS RARELY AVAILABLE PROPERTY!!! ER46

Rayleigh

£240,000



Connells are delighted to offer for sale this large semi detached chalet style bungalow set on a quiet road within close proximity to Town Centre and Station. Property benefits from three bedrooms, two reception rooms large rear garden and ample off street parking. NO ONWARD CHAIN. Energy rating D

Rayleigh

£104,995



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom ground floor retirement flat, close to main line station and town, this is ideal for anyone looking to down size and retire to the Rayleigh area. The property offers lounge, diner, kitchen and bedroom. Viewing is highly recommended

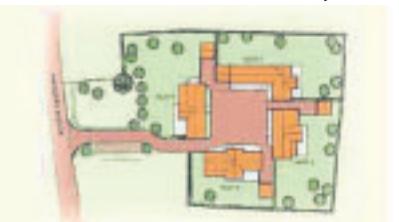
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Rayleigh

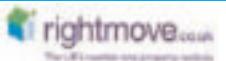


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**WESTCLIFF £215,000**

Delightful End Terraced House. 3 Bedrooms. Spacious Lounge/Diner. Pleasant Garden. Double Garage. Recommended. EER.E.

**WESTCLIFF £220,000**

3 Bed Semi Detached House. Through Lounge/Diner. Kitchen. Detached Garage. EER. E.

**HOBLEYTHICK LANE WESTCLIFF £280,000**

Delightful, Character, Spacious Semi Detached House. Sought After Area. 3 Bedrooms. Loft Room. Extended Lounge/Diner. Separate Lounge. Excellent Fitted Kitchen. Large Garden. Garage. Parking for 3/4 Cars. No Onward Chain. Must Be Viewed. EER. D.

**CHALKWELL HALL ESTATE £75,000**

Excellent Ground Floor Retirement Apartment. Sought after area. Lounge/Diner. Fitted Kitchen. Bedroom. Bathroom/w.c. Communal Lounge, Laundry Room, Garden. EER. E.

**WESTCLIFF £320,000**

Character Detached 4 Bedroom House. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Diner. Ground floor cloakroom. Garage and Parking at rear. Parking to front. Recommended. EER E.

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Unique Detached Character Bungalow. 3 Bedrooms. Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom/w.c., Shower Room. Separate w.c. Large Garden. Garage and Parking. EER. E.

**CLOSE CHALKWELL PARK £232,000**

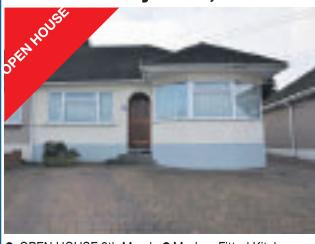
Character 3 Bedroom Mid Terraced House. Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. Recommended. EER. D.

**CLOSE CHALKWELL PK £215,000**

Spacious Character Mid Terraced House. 3 Bedrooms. Lounge, Large Kitchen/Diner. Study. Must Be Viewed. EER. D.

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- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Detached Garage
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- UPVC D/G Windows
- Broadlands Estate
- Close Schools/ Station
- Fitted Kitchen
- Large Garden
- UPVC D/G Windows
- Ref: ESH1588

Hockley £238,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Fitted Kitchen
- Large Garden
- UPVC D/G Windows
- Ref: ESH1570
- Close Schools/ Station
- Detached Garage
- Close Station/Shops
- No Onward Chain

Hockley £249,995

IMMACULATE CONDITION

- Planning approved for 2 additional bedrooms
- and Shower Room
- Immaculate Condition
- Luxury Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Loft Room
- Secluded 120' Garden
- Parking 7 Vehicles
- Ref: ESH1585
- Detached Garage
- Independent Driveway
- West Facing Garden
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- White Bathroom Suite

Eastwood £208,000

NEW PRICE

- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Delightful Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- White Bathroom Suite
- Detached Garage
- Independent Driveway
- West Facing Garden
- No Onward Chain
- Ref: ESH1582

Hockley £450,000

EXTENDED W/H ANNEXE

- Third Acre Plot
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Accomm.
- 2/3 Reception Rooms
- Bed 5/Annexe
- Ample Parking
- Delightful Garden
- Sun Terrace
- Close Local Amenities
- Ref: ESH1594

Hockley £337,995

140' GARDEN

- Highly favoured location
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Through lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Four large bedrooms
- Family bathroom/wc
- Attached Garage
- Delightful 140' south facing garden
- Ref: ESH1525

Hullbridge £338,000

CLOSE RIVER CROUCH

- Extended Living Accomm.
- G/F Shower Room
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Utility Room
- Luxury Bathroom Suite
- 140' South Garden
- Close River Crouch
- Ref: ESH1561

Rochford £239,995

SPACIOUS ACCOMM.

- Superb Accomm.
- Double Aspect Lounge
- Large Master Bedroom
- 2nd Floor Apartment
- Bed 2/Reception
- Utility Room
- Luxury Bathroom Suite
- Close River Crouch
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- Age 55 plus
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Hockley GUIDE PRICE £400,000

NEW LUXURY CHALET

- New Detached Chalet
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- Ref: ESH1597

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FAVOURDED LOCATION

- Favoured Location
- Detached Garage
- Secluded Garden
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Leigh-on-Sea £255,000

Occupying the entire second floor of this popular block is this spacious 3 Double Bedrooomed flat that has been well maintained throughout and offers many attractive features. The property is situated south of the A13 within comfortable walking distance of Chalkwell Station and local shops.



Leigh-on-Sea £319,995

STAMP DUTY PAID! As New. A 3 Bedrooomed Detached Bungalow that has been fully modernised to an exceptionally high standard, situated in a convenient residential location close to excellent local amenities. An interior inspection is required to fully appreciate the many attractive features. Early Vacant Possession.



Leigh on Sea £265,000.

Leigh-on-Sea charm. Having views over the estuary towards the Kent coastline, a rare opportunity to purchase this deceptively large detached house ideally located for Broadway, mainline station and Old Leigh. Must be viewed. No onward chain.



Leigh-on-Sea £500,000

Offering superb estuary views, a substantial three storey four bedroom semi detached house benefitting from detached garage and off street parking to rear ideally located for mainline station and broadway. Must be viewed



Leigh on Sea £399,995

Situated close to Chalkwell Park and within walking distance of Sea Front and Station A 3 Double Bedrooomed detached house that has been well maintained throughout offering many attractive features. The property is within the Chalkwell Schools area and close to Leigh Road shopping facilities.

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Luxury apartment, close to shops and walking distance of station £219,995

A truly stunning and luxuriously appointed first floor purpose built flat, walking distance of shops and Leigh Station, allocated parking space, south facing balcony, two double bedrooms, luxury bathroom, large elegant lounge, luxury fitted kitchen/ diner with appliances. Double glazing, gas c/h, Internal viewing absolutely essential. Ref etl5096



Westcliff £179,995

Internal viewing is essential of this delightful Edwardian house with two Double Bedrooms, superb Open Plan Lounge and Dining Area both with feature fireplaces, modern Fitted Kitchen with oven and hob and separate Utility Area, Lovely Victorian style Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, double Glazing, 55' approx west facing Rear Garden. Ref etl5093

3 / 4 bedroom detached home, Leigh £369,950

A spacious and beautifully presented three/ four bedroom fully detached family home in a popular and convenient location walking distance of local schools, shops, chalkwell Park, Station and Leigh Rd/ Broadway. Lovely 70' approx rear garden with impressive decking patio, parking, spacious lounge, 10 x 10' study with galleried stairway to 1st floor, 13'3 x 10'4 luxury kitchen/ breakfast room, large utility and shower room, dining room/ 4th bedroom, 3 first floor double bedrooms, luxury bathroom with victorian style bath. INTERNAL VIEWING ESSENTIAL ! Ref etl5094



Leigh £379,950

A fully detached house which has been beautifully refurbished in recent years and is situated in a most desirable location on the Highlands Estate within the Westleigh Schools Catchment area and walking distance of Leigh station. Three bedrooms, luxury bathroom, superb open plan kitchen and dining area, large garden, detached garage and parking for 3-4 cars. PLANS PASSED FOR LARGE EXTENSION, Internal viewing essential ref etl5069



Close to Leigh Broadway £159,995

A large ground floor flat situated off Leigh Broadway within walking distance of Leigh Station. The flat benefits from a share of the freehold and a good size west backing private rear garden. 17'9 x 15' impressive lounge, 11'2 x 9'2 fitted kitchen / breakfast room, utility room, 15' x 11'2 superb size double bedroom, gas c/h. Ref etl5095



Rochford £339,950

An impressive Four bedroom detached character house set well back from the road with a large detached DOUBLE GARAGE and parking for at least five cars. Large lounge, study, elegant separate family/ dining room, superb open plan kitchen and dining area, utility room, 19' x 12'6 master bedroom suite with en suite shower room, luxury family bathroom, good size west backing garden ref etl5078



Leigh-on-sea £299,995

A fully detached four bedroom chalet style family home situated in this favoured location close to Bonchurch Park and within walking distance of Leigh Broadway. Leigh mainline station is also approximately 1.2 miles away. Four bedrooms, bathroom and separate shower room, spacious lounge, 18' x 12' open plan kitchen and dining room, WEST FACING GARDEN. Applicants able to proceed only please ref etl5025



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FOR SALE

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TO LET

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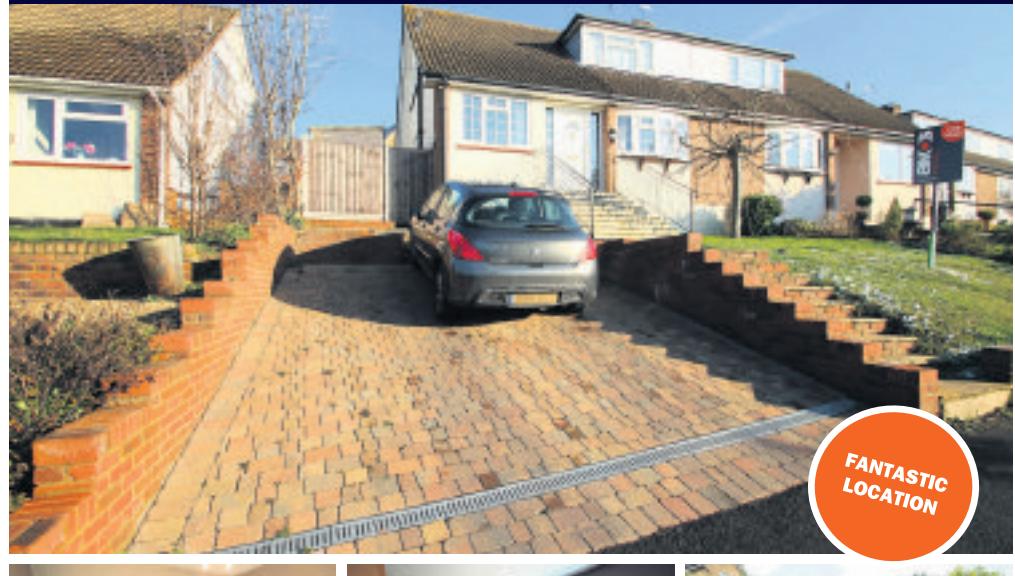
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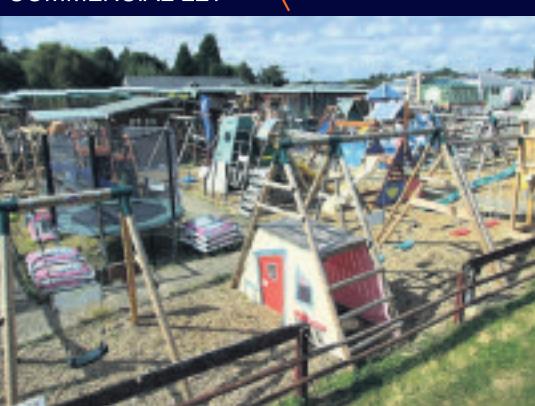
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- * Character detached chalet bungalow
- * Lounge with Log burner
- * 20' refitted Kitchen/Diner with Log burner

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- * Ground floor bathroom
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- * Off Street Parking
- * West facing Garden



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- * Vacant possession



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SOLE AGENTS



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- * Close to Hadleigh Town Centre
- * Immaculate Condition Inside
- * South Facing Rear Garden

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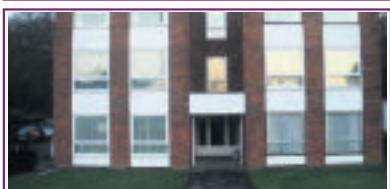
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ALAN KIRKMAN

Q. I understand it is better to downsize when prices are rising, but for various reasons we would prefer to do it now, rather than wait. Should we try and stick it out a bit longer?

A. In a word, no!

You're right, it is generally considered better to move to a smaller property when prices are on the increase, for the simple reason that the price differential works in your favour when trading down. However, I shouldn't let this worry you one bit. Obviously, I don't know your exact circumstances, but nevertheless, the fact remains that the best time to move home is always when it suits you. Why continue to rattle around in a place that's too big for your needs, for instance, just in the hope of achieving a higher sale price in a year or two's time?

Besides, plenty of people are trading down at the moment – so much so, in fact, that recent figures suggest that demand for smaller properties from downsizers is actually fuelling something of a jump in asking prices! According to Rightmove, the average asking price is now £235,741 - up from £229,429 in January, and just £2,115 shy of the post-financial crisis record set in February 2008. And apparently, it is "property old hands" who are fuelling that increase, with 71% of people who intend to sell in 2013 being over the age of 45. Indeed, the most active are those in the 55 to 64 age bracket, who make up 30% of the total.

Of course, aside from simply wanting a smaller place that's easier to maintain, many people are choosing to trade down in order to help fund their retirement. And why not? After all, we're all living longer, and all the much-publicised pressure on pensions makes downsizing the obvious alternative – far preferable, in my view, to any of the superficially tempting equity release schemes that are being touted around at the moment.

Also, bear in mind that by the very nature of things, many downsizers are cash buyers – which puts them in the strongest possible negotiating position. But even where that is not the case, many older homeowners with large amounts of equity are benefitting from the extremely low rates currently being offered by lenders, thanks to the Government's Funding for Lending scheme.

So, my advice is: go for it!



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Think Property Answer

In order to get the deposit back and to cover some of your costs incurred by the tenant's damage to the property, you will have to contact the relevant tenancy deposit scheme.

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If this does not cover the whole of the amount of calculable damage caused by the tenant, you can bring a civil claim for the rest of the damage costs but you will need some contact address for the tenant so that the papers can be served on the defendant.

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KIA monster

By Andy Enright

WHETHER you see it as a smart coupe or a sleekly-styled three-door hatch, Kia's second generation pro_cee'd offers a sensible spin on sporty motoring that offers extra bite in GT form. It's also well built, aggressively priced and comes with a bullet-proof warranty deal. Still sensible then, but with a little sexiness thrown in.

Has there even been a properly regarded Korean sports car? We've seen some cars down the years that were vaguely sporting in tone, if not in ability. Cars like the Hyundai Coupe offered a glimpse of what was potentially available but there was never the corporate will to really press on, despite high-profile rallying campaigns with no sports products to sell off the back of them. Kia seemed particularly reticent to step up to this particular plate, preferring instead to major on meek and mild.

That changed to a degree with the introduction of the pro_cee'd model in 2008. Here was a three-door Kia cee'd that looked good, had a willing chassis but just needed a bit more engine than the 138bhp turbodiesel that was the flagship motor. We got an improved pro_cee'd model in 2011, but here the most powerful engine was a 126bhp turbodiesel. Not promising for sports fans. They had to wait until the unveiling at the 2013 Geneva Motor Show of the pro_cee'd GT. With 201bhp, it was the first performance hatch that Kia had ever built.

Buyers of humbler pro_cee'd models always knew that there was the kernel of a really good car in there. The steering's fairly meaty by modern standards, there's a reassuring amount of front end grip, the ride/handling compromise is well judged and there's a nice consistency of control weights. All the sorts of stuff that keen drivers

look for in other words, but there just was never enough engine. That changes with the introduction of the pro_cee'd GT. Here customers get a 201bhp turbocharged four-cylinder 1.6-litre petrol engine that also develops a hefty 265Nm of torque. This results in acceleration to 62mph in 7.9 seconds which sounds a little pessimistic for such a punchy car. By contrast, a heavier MINI Cooper S with a mere 184bhp will get to 62mph almost a second quicker, although this may well be down to an issue of gearing.

The pro_cee'd is a handsome, wedge-shaped three-door hatch, designed by Europeans for Europeans. Built in Slovenia under the auspices of the Frankfurt-based Kia Motors Europe design team, it features a longer and lower profile than the five-door car, resulting in an edgy, coupe-like shape. The GT builds on this solid foundation, upping the aggression levels a few degrees. Plus there's decent practicality too, with a 60-40 split rear seat folding flat without having to remove the headrests.



Prices and specifications will be competitive with other similarly styled and powered compact coupes like Volkswagen's Scirocco and Peugeot's RCZ and pro_cee'd buyers can expect to find standard features like air-conditioning with cooled glovebox, heated and electrically-adjustable door mirrors, remote central locking and an MP3-compatible CD stereo with USB and auxiliary inputs. There's also a leather-trimmed steering wheel with audio controls, cruise control and electricaly-operated folding door mirrors.

As for the really sporty stuff, well customers get

distinctive LED daytime running lights, dual-exhaust pipes, 18-inch alloy wheels and eye-catching red brake calipers. Jump inside and you'll spot Recaro sports seats and a cleanly styled, well-built interior.

Kia's normally aspirated 1.6-litre petrol engine does extremely well at the pumps and in this turbocharged guise, there's no reason to believe it won't be just as class competitive. Used values will be propped up quite nicely by the brand's excellent warranty arrangement.

The Kia pro_cee'd GT appears promising. It's quite something when you can buy a hatchback that packs

more than 200bhp from a manufacturer like Kia but quite another when it looks as good as the GT. It's a really smart piece of design, with its deeply sculpted flanks, sharply-rising belt line and pinched, aggressive-looking front end. There are hints of the latest Astra GTC in its profile but then that's probably no bad thing, the three-door Astra being one of the best-looking hatchbacks in series production.

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By Jonathan Crouch

If YOU'RE a parent, just how much do you involve your children in the buying decision when the time comes to change your car? Probably not very much is the answer: they get what they're given. But perhaps you should.

Suspecting that perhaps kids might be more perceptive than adults would give them credit for when it comes to evaluating a prospective new car, we decided to test the theory out on a group of typical eight year-old school children from Dunottar School in Reigate, Surrey.

For typical kids, we chose a typical family car, Renault's 5-seater Scenic mini-MPV, and invited them to crawl all over it before giving us their opinions. These were interesting to say the least. Here's a quick sample:

■ Sarah McManus - age eight

This would be a brilliant car for holiday and family occasions but I think it would also be good for long journeys. It has lots of storage compartments and even has something in the boot that you can put the shopping under. On top of this, there are window blinds which are very useful for hot days in summer. This will be a fantastic car for lots of people.

■ Annie L. Smith - aged eight

I like the Renault Scenic because there are lots of cabinets in all different parts of it. One of my favourite parts of the car was on the two back seats where your head goes into a big pillow (the rear head restraint - Ed) but if you have children, you pull down the head part and down comes a head rest (the optional integral child booster seat - Ed). Is that cool or what?

I also like that inside the car at the back, there are picnic tables. Plus I like the way it



had windows on the roof (this Scenic had the twin sunroofs option - Ed). Oh and really like the way it has lots and lots of places to store things, like the mini fridge and the bread storage cabinet (a removable air conditioned storage box fitted between the two front seats - Ed).

■ Katie Wintle age eight

Inside, it's good in the back, especially because kids like me can have a snack using the useful flip down tables. If it's a hot day and the chocolate part of that snack is melting, you can put it in the handy compartment in the front. For bigger meal stuff, there is a useful compartment between the front seats that's like a bread bin.

If you're drinking though, there's no point in putting your cup in the cupholder just behind the rear seatback clips because once you've got it there, you won't be able to reach it again.

I did like the fact that for children my age or smaller, there's a comfortable pull-out carseat built into the rear seats. Dogs have also been thought about. If you need to pack your pooch in this car, pull down the rear parcel shelf and use it to put your dog on.

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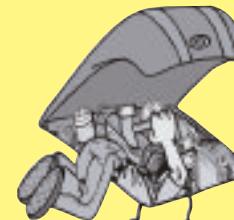
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Blues denied home win

Southend United

SOUTHEND United were denied the three points on Saturday as Johnny Mullins' late equaliser earned Rotherham United a 1-1 draw at Roots Hall on Saturday.

The Blues seemed set for the win when Kevan Hurst scored with a long-range strike in the 73rd minute.

But the Blues were left heartbroken as Mullins bundled the ball home following a goalmouth scramble two minutes from time.

The result left the Blues without a home win in four at Roots Hall and leaves them six points adrift of a play-off place.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock said: "We had the chances to win the game but we didn't take them. Four players should all have scored and when you consider that's against a team going for third in the table that's quite encouraging."

"But to concede like we did at the end was disappointing. We should have defended much better and in the end this feels far more like a defeat than a draw."

"We're now six points away from the play-offs but there's still about a quarter of the season to go. There are plenty of points to play for and many of the teams still have to play each other so there's everything still to play for. However, we really do need to get on a good run."

The Millers, themselves going for promotion, tested Blues keeper Paul Smith who had to keep



CHALLENGE: Southend's goalscorer Kevan Hurst slides in.
Picture by Dave Montier

out Daniel Nardellio's effort.

Southend gained a foothold in the game with Daniel Mayor seeing his shot deflected wide while defender Matthew Lund headed inches wide when unmarked.

Hurst should have put Blues ahead but he missed the target from 18 yards out.

The deadlock was nearly broken soon into the second half but Bilel Mohsni fired his volley over

while Millers' veteran keeper Andy Warrington kept out Britt Assombalonga's header from Ryan Leonard's long throw-in.

The long throw was causing Rotherham problems as Mayor fired a shot over, while Mohsni later headed onto the roof of the net from Sean Clohessy's cross.

Rotherham nearly took the lead against the run of play but Smith did well to keep out David Noble's 25-yard free-kick but Southend made the breakthrough with 17 minutes to go with a fantastic goal.

Mayor played the ball to Hurst who turned and fired a fierce shot which left Warrington with no chance.

It was close to 2-0 but Leonard's bicycle kick was off target but instead Rotherham claimed a share of the points as Smith initially saved Mullins' close-range shot from Noble's cross, however the Millers captain was able to convert the rebound.

Blues travel to Port Vale on Saturday, kick-off at 3pm.



HEARTBREAK: Rotherham score their late equaliser.
Picture by Dave Montier

Australian fast bowler joins Essex for Twenty20

Essex Cricket

ESSEX have signed Australian fast-bowler Shaun Tait for this summer's Friends Life t20 campaign.

The 30-year-old one day specialist, who has taken more than 150 career wickets in the shortest form of the game, will be available for the entire duration of the tournament, including the quarter-finals and Finals Day should Essex progress.

Tait, who played for Glamorgan in the 2010 tournament and also had a short stint with Durham in 2004, becomes the second Australian to join Essex this year following the signing of Victoria-born batsman Rob Quiney for the first three months of the campaign.

Essex head coach Paul Grayson said: "Shaun is an outstanding Twenty20 bowler who has genuine pace and match-winning ability. We wel-

come him to the club for the Twenty20 campaign and are hopeful of success with him in the team."

Meanwhile youngsters Tom Bradstock and Reece Topley have signed new two-year extensions to their contracts.

Topley, 19, has come through the Academy ranks at Essex since making his debut for the first team in 2010. He has also progressed through the England Development Pro-

gramme to the England Lions squad.

Craddock, a leg-spin specialist bowler, joined the county in 2011 and has played 23 matches.

Grayson added: "Reece is one of the most exciting young bowlers in the country and had a great season in 2012, especially in the Friends Life t20 competition. Tom is another young player coming from a crop of talent at the club and is improving all the time."

Rainford sees red in City win while Urchins and

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City maintained their push for a play-off place in Blue Square South with a 3-1 victory at Staines Town on Saturday.

Troy Ferguson (11) put the hosts ahead but the Clarets fought back through Dave Rainford (27), Anthony Cook (46) and Jamie Slabber (72). The match ended on a sour note for City though as Rainford was dismissed with four minutes to go.

Billericay Town remain in the relegation zone after drawing 3-3 at Basingstoke Town. Rob Swaine (22) cancelled out Manny Williams' opener (17) before Alex Osborn (35) put Blues ahead.

An own goal by Junior Luke (41) levelled the scores, while Leon Smith (82) thought he had won it for Billericay. However Williams had other ideas with a 91st minute winner.

AFC Hornchurch came close to securing three

points in their relegation battle. Martin Tuohy (70) gave Urchins the lead but hosts Farnborough equalised through Richard Peniket (79).

Thurrock lifted themselves off the bottom of Ryman Premier with a 3-0 home win over Harrow Borough.

Lewis Spence headed Fleet in front on 16 minutes, Harry Honesty added a second on 33 minutes and Jamar Dobson made sure of the three points with 11 minutes to go.

Canvey Island stay third after winning 3-2 over Wingate & Finchley. Bradley Woods-Garness equalised for the Gulls after Spencer Bellotti had put Wingate in front.

Bellotti netted again midway through the second half, but James Hawes (76) made it 2-2 with 14 minutes left and Jay Curran won it six minutes from time.

Concord Rangers are just behind Canvey thanks to their 1-0 victory at Bognor Regis Town.

Tony Stokes scored the only goal of the game on 59 minutes while Beachboys keeper Luke Chambers saved Sam Pearce's penalty.

East Thurrock United beat Kingstonian 2-0. Sam Higgins (10) opened the scoring while James Lawson headed in the second.

Grays Athletic cut Ryman North leaders Maldon & Tiptree's lead at the top down to eight points after their 3-1 home win over Waltham Forest.

Joe Sweeney and Luke Marshall scored early goals for Grays with Jack Leachman on target for Forest in between. Grays sealed it on 88 minutes through Jack West's penalty.

Maldon were held to a goalless draw at home by Aveling, who dropped down to fifth.

Heybridge Swifts moved up to third with a 2-0 win at Harlow Town. Ben Newson and Grant Cooper scored two quickfire goals just after the hour.

Billericay draw

Sixth placed Witham Town won 1-0 over Thamesmead Town thanks to Sam Taylor's early goal, while Ilford remain at the bottom after losing 3-1 at home to Soham Town Rangers. Luke Stanley had given Soham an early lead cancelled out by Daniel Crowie.

Ilford's Paul Oshin received a second yellow card after conceding a penalty which Buster Harradine put away while Michael Simpson netted their third.

Redbridge are just a point above Ilford after their 5-0 thrashing at home to Romford. Kurt Smith and a double from Tom Richardson set Boro on their way in the first half while Tyler Christian-Law completed the rout with two goals late on.

Tilbury and Brentwood Town drew 1-1. Sam West put Brentwood ahead early in the second half with Tom Wright equalising for the Dockers ten minutes from time.

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Your blue food waste bin needs



YOU!

During March and April residents in Southend-on-Sea borough will be receiving a new blue food waste bin, kitchen caddy and free compostable food waste liners.

So recycling your food waste has never been easier!

So please don't ignore your blue bin,
fill it with food waste today!

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Recycling your food waste has never been easier – new bins and free liners!

To help you recycle your food waste, during March and April residents in Southend-on-Sea Borough will be receiving a brand new blue food waste collection bin, kitchen caddy, free compostable food waste liners, a hanger to request additional liners and information about how to use their blue bin.

Residents will start to receive regular deliveries of compostable food waste liners later in the year, however additional liners can be requested from 1st July 2013 by using the hanger supplied.

So recycling your food waste has never been easier!

Recycling your food waste in four easy steps

Step 1 Line your kitchen caddy with a compostable food waste liner and fill it with food waste.



Step 2 When full, tie up the compostable liner and put it in your blue collection bin.



Step 3 Lock your blue collection bin and keep it out of direct sunlight.

Present your blue collection bin weekly on your collection day.



Step 4 If you run out of compostable liners, place your hanger on the handle of your blue collection bin and a new roll will be delivered to you.



Additional hangers can be collected from a number of outlets (from the 1st July 2013).

YES PLEASE ✓

All cooked and uncooked food waste, including plate scrapings.



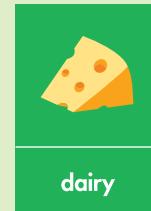
bread & pastries



fruit & vegetables



fish



dairy



meat & bones



tea & coffee grounds



egg shells

TOP TIP!

Add your house number to the lid of your collection bin to ensure it doesn't get lost!

- ✓ Rice, pasta and beans
- ✓ Meat and fish: raw, cooked and bones
- ✓ Takeaway leftovers
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables including peelings

NO THANK YOU

- ✗ Plastic bags of any kind
- ✗ Packaging of any sort
- ✗ Liquids (e.g. cooking oil and milk)
- ✗ Pet litter and faeces



Frequently Asked Questions

Q I don't have much food waste, do I really need to use my blue bin?

A Yes – the blue food waste bin can be used for any amount of food waste no matter how large or small.

Q I already have a blue bin – what should I do with my old one?

If you have two food waste bins then please use both.
A Your old blue bin can be kept as a spare to help out whenever you have more food waste than normal.
e.g. Christmas.

Q I produce a lot of food waste, can I have a second blue bin?

A Yes – simply contact us either online or by telephone and one will be delivered.

Q I haven't received my new blue bins or compostable food waste liners yet – what should I do?

A If you haven't received your delivery by 12th April then please let us know by calling us on 01702 215006.

Q Where can I get more free compostable food waste liners?

Compostable liners can be requested by using the hanger supplied to you. Replacement hangers can be collected from a number of outlets (please note, this service will commence 1st July 2013). Liners will also be delivered with the regular recycling sack delivery commencing later in the year.

Q What should I do if my blue bin is missed?

A Please contact us straight away using the contact details below and arrangements will be made to return and empty your bin.

Q How do I get some more information about the blue bin scheme?

A Either by visiting us online at www.southend.gov.uk/foodwaste or by calling 01702 215006.

Q What if I live in a flat?

If you live in a flat and are not currently receiving the food waste collection service then please let us know at council@southend.gov.uk or by calling 01702 215006.

Pink Recycling Sack Scheme

Please ensure all items are free from food waste.



newspapers & magazines



cardboard



food tins & drink cans



household plastic packaging



mixed glass



All paper and cardboard, examples include:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Junk mail, leaflets, catalogues
- Telephone directories
- Envelopes
- Ready meal sleeves
- Cereal boxes
- Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- Wrapping paper
- Greetings cards
- Drinks cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak)

All metal food and drink cans, and:

- Jar lids
- Foil and foil containers
- Aerosol cans

All household plastic packaging, examples include:

- Plastic bottles and lids
- Plastic bags
- Plastic trays
- Plastic pots and tubs
- Plastic film and bubble wrap

All household glass bottles & jars

Please wrap any broken glass bottles and jars in newspaper or put in a cardboard box before placing in the pink sack.

Clear Textile Recycling Sack Scheme

All textiles (please ensure they are clean and dry) including:

- All clothing
- Worn or torn clothing
- Sheets and pillow cases
- Curtains
- Paired shoes
- Unsoiled duvets and pillows



Why I must recycle my food waste



The blue food waste bin scheme is the Council's solution for diverting biodegradable waste away from landfill. Your participation is essential if recycling targets are to be achieved and any future ban on food waste going to landfill is met.



Now free compostable food waste liners are being supplied there is no barrier to participating. Extras can be requested by using the hanger on your collection day (this service will commence 1st July 2013).



Food waste is collected weekly so even if food waste is produced sporadically it can be recycled.



Recycling your food waste creates agricultural compost or renewable energy which is good for the environment.



If you don't recycle your food waste it ends up in landfill where it produces methane – a potent and harmful climate changing gas. Food waste must not be placed in black sacks – use your blue food waste bin.



Collection bins are designed with lockable lids so that animals cannot access the food waste.



If you don't recycle your food waste animals may access any food waste in the black sacks resulting in ripped sacks and litter.



The blue food waste bin scheme is suitable for any food which is unsuitable for a compost bin.



Even the smallest quantities of unavoidable food waste like bones and peelings can be recycled using the blue bin.



Approximately 10,000 tonnes of food waste was disposed of in the black sacks and sent to landfill last year – costing over £1 million! Removing food waste from landfill means less money spent on throwing waste unnecessarily into the ground.

Your blue food waste bin needs YOU!

